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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SU
SUBJECT: SADIQ AL-MAHDI'S WIVES AND SISTER RELEASED FROM PRISON

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SADIQ AL-MAHDI'S TWO WIVES, SARA AND HABSA, HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS. SADIQ'S SISTER, WIFE OF HASAN TURABI, LEADER SUDANESE MUSLIM BROTHERS WHO ALSO IN JAIL, LIKEWISE RELEASED, AS WERE ANOTHER SEVEN INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED SINCE COUP ATTEMPT LAST JULY. AMONG LATTER WAS ABD AL-RAHMAN NUR, FORMERLY MININFO UNDER SADIQ. WE UNDERSTAND SADIQ'S WIVES ARE BEING ALLOWED TO LIVE IN THEIR HOME, ALTHOUGH IT HAD BEEN CONFISCATED BY SUDAN GOV. AFTER COUP ATTEMPT.

2. COMMENT: RELEASE OF SADIQ'S WIVES, SISTER AND OTHER ASSOCIATES IS SIGNIFICANT CONCILIATORY GESTURE BY NIMEIRI MADE TOWARD PRINCIPAL LEADER OF JULY COUP ATTEMPT. NIMEIRI'S INTENTIONS IN DOING SO SAID TO INCLUDE DESIRE
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FOSTER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SADIQ AND HIS ASSOCIATE, SHERIF HUSSEIN AL-HINDI, WHO HAS BEEN MAKING DAMAGING ANTI-REGIME BROADCASTS FROM ADDIS ABABA. NIMEIRI, WHO FROM DONGOLA AS WAS MAHDI FAMILY ORIGINALLY, PROBABLY ALSO MOVED BY RELIGIOUS CONSIDERATIONS AND HOPES AT LEAST NEUTRALIZE SADIQ, WHO, DESPITE HIS OPPOSITION POLITICS, REMAINS WELL-KNOWN SUDANESE RELIGIOUS FIGURE. FINALLY,

MOVE CAN BE EXPECTED PLEASE SAUDIS WHO, DESPITE SUPPORT FOR NIMEIRI, HAVE IN PAST BEEN CLOSE TO MAHDIST RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND MAY WELL BE TROUBLED OVER REGIME-ANSAR FRICTION.

3. MAY BE DOUBTED THAT RECENTLY RELEASED PRISONERS WILL BE ALLOWED LEAVE COUNTRY, HOWEVER, BRITISH EMBOFF TOLD DCM THAT ONE OTHER MEMBER SADIQ'S FAMILY PRESENTLY HAS VISA APPLICATION PENDING AT BRITISH EMBASSY HERE. HOME OFFICE HAS BEEN REVIEWING IT FOR PAST THREE MONTHS.
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